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From: Admiral H. E. Hewitt, U.S. Navy.
To : The Secretary of the Navy.
Subject: Recommendation for awards for Vice Admiral Louis Michel J. Sable, French Navy, Vice Admiral Jacques Marie Miscoffe, French Navy, and Rear Admiral Paul Marie E. Peries, French Navy.
Reference: (a) Rear Admiral F. J. Lowry, USN, ltr Op-052/tr Serial 287028 to SecNav of 25 June 1967.
Enclosures: (A) Reference (a).
(B) Suggested citation for Vice Admiral Louis Michel J. Sable, French Navy.
(C) Suggested citation for Vice Admiral Jacques Marie Miscoffe, French Navy.
(D) Suggested citation for Rear Admiral Paul Marie E. Peries, French Navy.

1. It gives me pleasure to forward herewith the recommendation of Rear Admiral Lowry that a suitable award be made to Vice Admiral Louis Michel J. Sable, French Navy, and my own recommendation for an award to that distinguished officer. I further recommend that suitable awards be made to Vice Admiral Jacques Marie Miscoffe, French Navy, and Rear Admiral Paul Marie E. Peries, French Navy, for distinguished services to the allied cause.

2. Vice Admiral Sable was living in retirement at Casablanca at the time of the allied landings. I met him personally on the day I was first able to enter Casablanca and knew that the forces under my command were greatly indebted to him for his friendly and courteous cooperation and his personal and effective efforts in promoting friendly relationship between the French and the American forces. Subsequent to the landings in North Africa, Vice Admiral Sable was recalled to active duty and promoted to his present rank of Vice Admiral. He served in many capacities and principally on a committee appointed to examine the conduct of French military and naval officers. He was always most accurate in furthering the interests of the allied cause and in promoting American-French cooperation.

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3. Vice Admiral Missoffe, then a Rear Admiral, at the time of the landing in North Africa was the Chief of Staff for Vice Admiral Michellier who was in command of the Combined French Forces at Casablanca. As such, Admiral Missoffe was extremely diligent and efficient in promoting friendly and efficient cooperation by the French authorities with the American forces. His efforts greatly facilitated the work of opening and operating the port of Casablanca for the benefit of the allied cause. Subsequently, Admiral Missoffe was promoted to Vice Admiral and was given the French Naval Command at Oran. In this capacity, he was of great assistance to the Commander U. S. Operating Base, Oran, in carrying out the very important task of that base in serving the allied landings in Italy and Southern France.

4. Rear Admiral Peries, then a Captain, commanded the French cruiser *GLIERE* during the landings in Southern France and in the subsequent operation of the flank force near the France-Italian border.

5. The above-named officers are all strongly recommended for suitable decoration from the United States for the reasons hereinbefore given and for those mentioned in the sample citations.

M. K. HEWITT.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Legion of Honor in the degree of _____ to

Vice Admiral Louis Michel Joseph Sable, French Navy,
for services set forth in the following citation:

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States from August 1942 and throughout the period of Allied operations in the Mediterranean. At the risk of liberty and life, Vice Admiral Sable furnished indispensable information relative to minefields, defenses, and conditions within the protectorate of French Morocco, North Africa, prior to the landing of American troops on 8 November 1942. At the time of the landings at Casablanca, Admiral Sable was able to render particularly effective service to the American forces because of his long experience with the American Navy. He cooperated in an outstanding manner with the American naval commanders at Casablanca to whom he offered every possible assistance and support in establishing an effective and cordial cooperation with the French authorities. His energy, resourcefulness and courage in the face of great obstacles contributed materially to the success of the Allied cause in North Africa.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Legion of Merit in the degree of _____ to

Vice Admiral Jacques Marie Missoffe, French Navy
for services set forth in the following citation:

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States and to the Allied cause from November 11, 1942, until the cessation of hostilities. At the time of the signing of the armistice between the United States and French forces in Morocco on 11 November 1942, Vice Admiral Missoffe, then Rear Admiral, was the Chief of Staff to the Admiral commanding the French Naval Forces at Casablanca. In this capacity he exerted every effort to effect cordial cooperation between the French authorities and the United States naval and military commanders. He was most active in providing every possible facility to the United States commanders and in assisting in the establishment of Casablanca as a base for American operations. Later, Admiral Missoffe was transferred to the French Naval Command at Oran which had been established as the principal United States Naval Base and Training Center in the Mediterranean. Here Admiral Missoffe's friendly and efficient cooperation was of primary importance in the effective use of the Base and the successful realization of the training program. His energy, resourcefulness and effective cooperation contributed materially to the successful operations of Allied Forces in the North African area.

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Legion of Merit in the degree of _____ to

Rear Admiral Paul Marie Emmanuel Peries, French Navy
for services set forth in the following citation:

For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the United States during the period from August, 1944, until the conclusion of active hostilities. Rear Admiral Peries, then a captain, commanded the heavy cruiser GLOIRE in operations consequent to the landing of Allied Forces in the South of France in August 1944 and subsequently as a unit of the "Flanks Force" covering the right flank of the Allied Forces near the Franco-Italian border. As Commanding Officer of the GLOIRE, Admiral Peries contributed immeasurably to the success of the operation in which the ship was engaged and rendered outstanding service to the United States Naval Command to which the ship was attached. He demonstrated a remarkable spirit of enthusiasm in the planning and preparation for these operations and displayed the highest degree of cooperation with other Allied units. His leadership, judgment, resourcefulness, courage and cooperation contributed materially to the successful Allied operations in the South Coast of France.

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